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If Spain would offer more bribes to the insurgents and more food and money to the starving pacifists American opinion might be less antagonistic.

A Time For Fair Play.

As will be seen by an editorial reproduced from it in another column, the Philadelphia Inquirer apparently recognizes the tactical mistake which it has made in assuming that only those Republicans will have a voice in the approaching gubernatorial campaign who are in favor of the candidacy directed by State Senator Andrews.

The Inquirer's allusion to Senator Quay is not germane to the subject in hand and for the present we shall say simply that the senior senator is not to our knowledge responsible for the guerrilla methods of the managers of the State campaign.

By bushwhacking we mean the covert and unprovoked attacking of real or possible gubernatorial candidates who do not possess the favor of the senator from Crawford county.

The political outlook in Pennsylvania next year, as we see it, offers every incentive for the freest and frankest discussion of candidates and methods, to the end that the will of the people may not be thwarted.

The Republicans of the North Atlantic quadrant near Key West, for white evolutions, may or may not be significant, but it is worthy of notice that from Key West to Cuba for a few hours' cruise.

Ill-Required Friendship.

The premier of Spain informs a Madrid interviewer that in Spain's new diplomatic communication to the United States the fact will be made plain that Spain can admit no foreign interference in her internal affairs.

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But by the same rules of law and custom the government of the United States has neither moral right nor written warrant to place a single hindrance in the way of the American dealer in rifles, gunpowder, dynamite, shells, cartridges, swords, pistols, machetes, bayonets, cartridge boxes, or other implements and accessories of warfare.

By the use of cruisers to seize the merchant vessels engaged in their transport has been an arbitrary and unlawful stretch of executive authority, made as a voluntary peace offering to Spain, and acknowledged by Spain, not with gratitude, but with contempt, abuse and insult.

By two ways has the United States effectively aided Spain in Spain's inhuman war in Cuba: (1) by interfering to Spain's advantage with American trade with the Cubans; and (2) by refusing against both law and equity to give to the Cubans justly earned belligerent rights.

Representative Adams of Pennsylvania, a member of the sub-committee of the house foreign relations committee which is in charge of the Cuban trade with the Cubans; and (2) by refusing against both law and equity to give to the Cubans justly earned belligerent rights.

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is distinctively a learned profession from which partisan politics should be rigidly eliminated as it admittedly should be from the general conduct of our foreign relations. The need by our government of a specially trained class of diplomatic and consular servants is as evident in these periods of foreign wool-pulling over American eyes as is the need of a reinforced navy or of a federal revenue sufficient to liquidate the debt and pay of experts like Sir Julian Pauncefote and Senor de Lome.

We congratulate the Washington Star upon the prosperity which enables it to plan for a \$300,000 new home. The Star is a great paper, a clean paper and an honest paper. Its signal success compliments both its management and its patrons.

And now comes the report that a number of Indiana Republicans intend to boom General Harrison for the presidency in 1900, in order to "get square with McKinley." They had better first consult the wishes of General Harrison.

TOLD BY THE STARS.

Daily Horoscope D.rawn by Achebus, The Tribune Astrologer.

Astrological Cast, 1:08 a. m., for Wednesday, December, 29, 1897.

In the opinion of a child born on this day the Scranton Times is the most delightful calamity howler of the departing year.

The man who does not imagine that he knows how a paper should be managed better than the editor, does not really enjoy the newspaper of the day.

In a journalistic way proprietor Morrison of the West and his staff are in the position of a base ball chest protector.

It is no longer fashionable to swear at January 1. The ordinary "soak" makes no distinction in the New Year.

Achebus's Advice.

Better hurry no business for 1897.

Thinks the People Will Boss Things.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

"The Philadelphia Inquirer apparently takes it for granted that the bushwhackers will control the next state convention and run it regardless of public opinion. If history presents no warning against such a programme then it will be the bushwhackers' fault if history shall be repeated."

It is a little difficult to understand what the Scranton Tribune, which is responsible for the above paragraph is driving at. So far as the Inquirer is concerned, it takes no such thing for granted, but does believe that the coming state convention will be controlled by the Republican people. How can it be otherwise?

Every year we have the story that Senator Quay makes the state. We presume the same change will be brought in, in fact, is already brought, and the coming convention. Yet it is a fact, which the Tribune should know, that Senator Quay is taking no part in the election, and that we are going to have a canvass between the various candidates wholly free from dictation.

The Inquirer believes that the people should have the largest liberty of expression, make up their own minds, elect their own legislators, and be responsible in every way for the work of the convention. There is every indication that this is exactly what is going to happen.

If Mr. Connel, who now controls the Scranton Tribune, can secure the majority of the delegates to the convention it will give the Inquirer the greatest pleasure to support him. If Mr. Lechman, his neighbor, shall be the successful aspirant we will take the lead in electing him.

If Colonel William A. Stone or Charles W. Stone or any one of the numerous candidates in the congressional delegation shall be named there need be no fear as to the attitude of the Inquirer. All that we desire is that the convention shall be untrammeled in every respect. That is our platform, and if there is anything of the bushwhacking order in it, kindly point it out.

The only bushwhacking that is being done so far as the Inquirer is concerned is the combination which has a Philadelphia combine newspaper speaking for it, and this ought to be a warning to all who are engaged in the business of politics, unless its particular combine friends in the slums of combine politics shall be permitted to name the ticket. We have no fear of the bushwhackers, either that they can control the convention or that they can do any harm when they are beaten. The Inquirer is satisfied that the convention will act wisely and will name a strong candidate for governor, who will carry the election by a large majority. If we repeat a survey of the field seems to indicate that Colonel Stone, of Allegheny county, is making the most comprehensive campaign and gaining the most extensive following. It is to be hoped that Mr. Connel will not consider this as evidence of either bushwhacking or unfairness. It is a mere statement of what seems to be a fact and certainly should Colonel Stone be nominated, Mr. Connel could not find any fault with the result, any more than Colonel Stone could should Mr. Connel be the successful one.

The candidate of the Republican party in the coming election will be the candidate of the Republican people whose choice has been expressed at the primary elections. Such a candidate will be inevitable.

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.

Rochester Post-Express.

The respectable and high-minded man that lends his name to promote enterprises designed to create a widespread better than the downright knave that makes no claim to the virtues of a decent citizen. It is not a calling for him to say that he has not investigated the enterprises and does not know that they are swindles. While he may thus exculpate himself from the charge of being a deliberate malefactor, he fastens upon himself the charge of criminal negligence. He has done a great wrong to the people that trusted his respectability and high-mindedness, and converted those words into terms of reproach.

On this account, therefore, we commend the work of Richard P. Rothwell, the editor of the Engineering Journal, who is devoting himself to the exposure of the worthless Ketchikan mining companies, in which men of high character and ability have lent their names as directors. The disclosures he makes in regard to this form of swindling are startling. He finds that a large number of mining enterprises, floated in this way and having great vogue among persons gone deaf on the wealth of the Ketchikan, can furnish a warrant for the glowing prospectuses spread broadcast over the country. Upon investigation the men eminent in the commercial and social world that have permitted their names to be attached to these misleading documents, have expressly disclaimed any knowledge that would justify the statements made in them.

was pitifully inadequate. No development had been done on either of the claims to ascertain with precision the value of the gravel or of the quartz. All that had been done in regard to the gravel consisted of washing a number of pans taken from a pit near a shaft and estimating that it was worth about \$2.50 a pan. As to the quartz rock, a few samples of it had been obtained, crushed, and the amount of gold it would produce per ton likewise estimated.

It is the opinion of Mr. Rothwell that most of the Klondike mining companies organized within the past few months have no better basis for the statements of their prospectuses. His investigation into the wealth of the region shows that it has been greatly overestimated. While he has not been there himself, he has communicated with experts that have had their testimony in uniformly unfavorable to the exaggerated statements that are made. He says that the region is not as rich as California was; it is not, in fact, as rich as many districts in the west today. His advice to investors is, therefore, that they trust only to the opinion of expert mining engineers, who have made careful personal examination of the property offered for sale. We believe the advice to be sound. In no other way can a prospective investor be sure of unvarnished statements, prospectuses bolstered up with influential names.

CONCERNING THE STAGE.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Much nonsense is talked about the "elevation" of the stage, but no man or woman familiar with the stage for the past thirty years but knows that in that time, and beginning before, the 100% of women on the stage has become those of women off of the stage. As elsewhere, the good are not the last and the bad are not the first. The nature of things, the publicity of the stage makes the latter conspicuous; but the necessary and inevitable consequence is a loss of life and the stage which obtained—with rare and honorable exceptions—three or four generations ago has totally and completely disappeared. It does not exist. Any woman on the stage is what she chooses to make herself, and where in any society is any mature woman anything else?

There are evils on the stage. There are scandals. Access is easy in the life of the theater. Temptation is not absent. It does not exist. Any woman on the stage is what she chooses to make herself, and where in any society is any mature woman anything else?

There are better reasons than this, however, and more honorable for the high level of life of the footlights in this country compared with any other in the world. No class here makes a pursuit of the stage or can, for the American woman looks down to her admirer. She looks up to her mother, she respects her, she is taught in all walks of life self-reliance and self-protection. Our national life assumes the virtue and restraint of all women in whatever calling. European life does the reverse for nearly all women working for a living.

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WANTED—A BANKRUPTCY LAW.

From the Philadelphia Times.

It is a propitious time to inaugurate a well-digested, comprehensive and thoroughly equitable law regulating the estates of bankrupts. The conflicting provisions of the various states for the collection of debts, and the serious obstacles which often interpose to prevent the enforcement of claims of foreign creditors, and the resident debtors, greatly hinder trade between the different states, and only by a uniform bankruptcy law can creditors and debtors generally be put on a thoroughly fair and just footing. Such a law is needed in the interests of business and trade, and congress should enact such a statute before the close of the present session.

MODERN WARFARE.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

If all that is told as to the destruction wrought by the dynamite can the other day in Cuba is true, and the story comes from Spanish sources, it has been reported for the insurgents to use a weapon more deadly than any that has done service in modern warfare. Seventy-two shots were fired from one gun, and every man in the town of Cuba was wrecked, while nearly eleven hundred Spanish soldiers were killed. The thought of work such as this on a larger scale and in a battle between two great armies is enough to fill one with horror.



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